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Jury selection starts in trial of shot US teen

SANFORD (AFP) - The trial of a US neighborhood watchman who shot dead an unarmed black teenager in a case that sparked protests and racial profiling claims kicked off Monday with jury selection.

George Zimmerman, 29, faces a charge of second-degree murder for killing Trayvon Martin, as the 17-year-old walked with candy in his pocket through a gated Florida community on February 26, 2012.

Judge Debra Nelson, together with lawyers for both sides, began the process of picking six jurors from a pool of potentials, about 200 of whom lined up Monday.

Martin's parents, mean-

while, expressed relief that the trial was starting and called for peace as proceedings got under way.

"We are seeking justice for our son and a fair trial," father Tracy Martin told reporters alongside his ex-wife Sybrina Fulton and family attorney Benjamin Crump.

When police arrived at the scene, the only things they found in the pockets of the hooded sweatshirt belonging to the teenager -- who was on his way to a house where his father was staying with a friend -- were a pack of Skittles and a bottle of iced tea.

Zimmerman has argued he acted in self defense when he shot Martin after confronting him.

Aruba and The Netherlands signs protocol for various investments



In the early morning hours last Sunday, the government of Aruba and The Nether-

lands signed two protocols having to do with investments of FDA. Huge investments

are to be made in various projects. These projects are to guarantee the implementation of sustainable programs on Aruba during the period 2013 to 2015 and beyond. The funds for these projects will be managed by the FDA (Fondo di Desaroyo Aruba).

The investments will be made in the areas of quality of government, education, social sector, the Aruba product and a program for national security. The amount of investment will be almost 79 million Florins.

In 2012 an evaluation was conducted regarding investments as well as the functioning of FDA by Deloitte. The general conclusion was that FDA is doing an excellent job. There were some recommendations, among others, the professionalization of the processing of projects in the government's apparatus and the necessity to define and give more content to the term sustainable in the preparation, implementation and maintenance of investment projects.

In one of the protocols signed it was agreed that Aruba together with The Netherlands are going to look for and develop parameters to give more content to the term: "sustainability."

The government's plan after 2015 is to continue with FDA in a new concept so as to guarantee investments in different areas of development, but also to ensure that these investments are executed in a transparent and correct manner and to account for these investments in the most appropriate manner.

Dutch Minister Plasterk was especially pleased with the manner in which FDA was doing its job. He congratulated Aruba with this important institution. Plasterk

Group of Loyal visitors honored by ATA at Aruba Divi-Phoenix



Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of Loyal visitors. They were: *Dottie Paperjoy* and *Randy Finh* residents of Michigan (Distinguished Visitors) for 14 years. *Dawn Kulp* resident of Michigan (Distinguished Visitor) for 15 years. *Carrin Pereira Malandro* resident of California (Distinguished Visitor) for 15 years. *Tammy Cho* resident of California as Distinguished Visitors for 15 years. *William and Angela Mc. Demott* resident of The Village Florida (Goodwill Ambassadors) for 30 years. *Cindy Pereira* resident of The Village Florida (Goodwill Ambassadors) for 15 years. *Ernest Lillo* resident of New Haven Connecticut (Distinguished Visitor) for 18 years. *Mary Lou Lillo* resident of Branford Connecticut (Distinguished Visitor) for 18 years. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest who visit Aruba for 10, 20 or more consecutive years. The certificate was presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing Aruba Tourism Authority together with the activities coordinator Ms. Avril who conducted the ceremony held at Aruba Divi Phoenix. Their main reasons for returning to this beautiful island were the Fantastic Sunset, Beautiful Blue Ocean, Friendly Aruban Hospitality and the great variation of local Restaurants.

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Pan American Conference on Obesity III



Chef Boland demonstrates healthy eating is fun

Beginning with workshops on Wednesday, June 5, Aruba's Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports hosted the third Pan American Conference on Obesity, or PACO III at the Westin Resort in Palm Beach. This collaboration between 32 countries of the Americas to combat obesity from childhood, and its impact on adult health, is the vi-

sion of Aruba's Minister of Health, Welfare and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser, and came to fruition through his dedicated efforts.

In 2011, the United Nations created a sector for the study and prevention of chronic, non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and heart disease, acknowledging their extremely debilitating

effects on societies and national economies. It is the position of health workers and officials that the increasing manifestation of these conditions at younger ages of an adult population can be directly traced to poor nutrition, not only from birth, but in the womb. PACO lectures and studies particularly address the issue of childhood obesity and its consequences.

Welcoming delegates to the official opening ceremonies on Friday morning, July 7, was Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman. He expressed enormous pride in Minister Dr. Visser's efforts to see concrete solutions to the problem of childhood obesity be realized. He has become a leader in the movement to unite nations and health professionals, not only in the immediate region, but the entire hemisphere, in setting goals and taking realistic action. "He has made us conscious of our responsibility in seeing that our citizens pursue and enjoy good health."

The Prime Minister says he is encouraged that so many informed professionals were willing to travel to Aruba to "share their expertise and commitment towards changing certain things that have developed in a way that do not necessarily benefit the citizens of the world." He stated that "Aruba has come to some very profound conclusion about our responsibility to our citizens, but how we can engage and share this sort of commitment towards a different kind of development and a different kind of priority..."

"When we look at statis-



Pilar Torres of PAHEF and Caroline Bollars of WHO

tics, we will not only look at the growth over years GDP, and think that we have made progress. How have we fared regarding the well-being of our citizens? The education of our children and the health of our people?"

He paraphrased Robert F. Kennedy, citing Kennedy was one of the first to question whether the GDP truly reflects the welfare of a society. "In so many ways it only measures some numbers that do not reflect a better quality of life for our people." He described when planning the road map for Aruba's future,

it is easy to take the wide, inviting path, as opposed to the narrow, challenging path, which is the road need be taken for the best outcome.

Chairman of the PACO III, Phillip James, commented that from his vast experience working in Caribbean and Latin countries, he had learned that the standard figures used for measuring poor nutrition originating from more technologically based nations such as the U.S., were not really applicable in judging the situation.

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Venezuela arrests Colombians over plot to kill Maduro

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan authorities said Monday they had arrested nine Colombian paramilitary fighters they accused of plotting to assassinate President Nicolas Maduro amid an ongoing diplomatic spat with Bogota.

Maduro accused Colombia of waging a "dirty campaign" against his newly formed administration.

The two neighboring countries have been at odds since Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos hosted Venezuelan opposition leader Henrique Capriles at the presidential palace last month, infuriating the leftist government in Caracas.

Venezuelan Interior Minister Miguel Rodriguez said the arrested fighters belonged to two separate groups, including one led by Chepe Barrera.

"We strongly presume this is part of a plan orchestrated from there (Bogota) to endanger the life of our president and destabilize the government," Rodriguez told state television.

"We suspect these gentlemen have links to right-wing elements" in Venezuela, he added.

In western Tachira state, Venezuelan authorities captured six members of the drug cartel Los Rastrojos, armed with Russian AK-47 rifles, two pistols, a revolver, a 12-gauge shotgun, two grenades, cartridges of different caliber, cash and a motorcycle, according to the minister.

The second group was arrested in central Portuguesa state, carrying weapons, ammunition cartridges and Venezuelan military uniforms.

Both groups were planning to travel to Caracas for their mission, Rodriguez said.

"The psychological warfare and dirty campaign against our country is based on fascist violence brought by paramilitaries from Colombia," Maduro wrote on his Twitter account.

Despite claiming that Colombia was forging an "active conspiracy" and a "brutal campaign" against his government after the Capriles-Santos meeting, Maduro later said he would be willing to "rebuild" ties with his neighbor.

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Register now! Pro Footballer Johua John Is on Aruba to glve clinics



Last Friday Joshua John arrived here from Holland. John is here to offer training clinics to the Aruban youth. The Aruban born footballer is a very modest young man. He explained that last year was a very good year for him. He is scheduled to begin playing again for FC Twente, in the honor division. FC Twente is a large club in Holland, a club to be reckoned with.

David Abdul, who has played with Joshua John in the Sparta Club, is organizing the clinics here. These clinics are tremendous for young people in the 6 to 9 years range. According to Abdul, the clinics are completely free. All those interested in participating must register quickly because there will be a large number of kids who will want to participate. Chil-

dren learn a great deal in these clinics. In the coming days they will be distributing flyers with information on how to register and other relevant information. You can also call David Abdul at 5925235 or email him at d.abdul89@icloud.com

The Prime Minister of Aruba was at the airport to welcome Joshua John to Aruba. The clinics will be closer to our people in the barrios. This will enable everyone to get close to a footballer of the caliber of Joshua John. Joshua has a great of affection for Aruba. When he was approached to give the clinics he didn't hesitate for a moment.

We welcome Joshua John to Aruba and wish him a very pleasant and fruitful time here, and much success with the various clinics.

YMCA collaborating with IPA to promote reading among our children



YMCA was especially pleased with the work of two interns from IPA, Jo-Ann Werleman and Elseline Hirschfield who did an excellent job on the "Draaiboek voor AVI Leesbegeleiding."

(Plan of Action for reading guidance of level AVI). This was to enable the YMCA personnel to guide and help children in the area of reading.

On Aruba there are many children who have difficulty with the Dutch language and for this reason YMCA's request to these students was to

provide assistance with a reading plan. The Plan of Action will be one of two tools that the YMCA will use in their Y's Care program in the new school year.

Special thanks went to Donald Kock of IPA for his valuable contribution to this initiative.

The YMCA was the first institution to have a "traimerdia" program which they call Y's Care. This program began 23 years ago giving homework assistance and recreation.

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Panama won't fret for now about Nicaragua canal

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - Panama Canal administrators on Monday downplayed the competitive threat posed by Nicaragua's plan for a canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific.

President Daniel Ortega said last week a concession to build an inter-oceanic canal across his Central American nation was awarded to an unnamed Chinese consortium based in Hong Kong.

"The Panama Canal currently has the capacity, there is no doubt about it and (a new canal in Nicaragua) would represent competition that we would have to manage when the moment comes," deputy administrator Manuel Benitez told reporters.

But "for the moment, we're not immediately concerned" given that if the project for a Nicaraguan canal is approved, "it will still take considerable time before it can operate", he added.

The ambitious project, Ortega has said, includes a conventional canal, a "dry canal" -- a rail line -- as well as two airports and an oil pipeline to move petroleum from the Caribbean to the Pacific.

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Bank employee naps on keyboard, transfers millions

BERLIN (AFP) - An obviously tired German bank employee fell asleep on his keyboard and accidentally transformed a minor transfer into a 222 million euro (\$293 million) order, a court heard Monday.

The Hessen labour court heard that the man was supposed to transfer just 62.40

euros from a bank account belonging to a retiree.

The bank discovered the mistake shortly afterwards and corrected the error.

The case was taken to court by the man's 48-year-old colleague who was fired for letting the mistake slip through when verifying the order.

Waldy Simson pays courtesy visit to Aruba Director of Culture



Recently, versatile artist Waldy Simson visited Aruba Director of Culture, Dr. Siegfried Dumfries. Besides

exchanging information about different activities, Simson and Dumfries talked about Simson's upcoming

partaking at the next edition of the Caribbean Festival for the Arts, Carifesta 2013, which will be held in Suriname. Simson will host the exhibition 'Waldy Simson in The Hal.'

Simson also presented the Director a framed copy of a tiffany art work called 'Amandla.' Amandla, made by Simson, is part of an art collection at the Nelson Mandela Museum in South Africa. Amandla was made, for a great part, based on the life of Nelson Mandela, who Mr. Dumfries admires very much.

At the end Simson and Dumfries visited the website artist.webs.com where one can find information about Simson's artistic activities.

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Pan American Conference on Obesity III

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"It looks as though these societies are acutely sensitive to the problem we are dealing with today (childhood obesity) we cannot take information from the United States or Europe and assume we are coping with the challenge here."

The Regional Director of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) Dr. Clarisse Etienne, could

not be present for this year's conference, but welcomed the gathering via video. "Childhood Obesity has become one of the most critical health problems we face today," she stated. "It affects one third of children and adolescents. Our region shows the highest prevalence, with a trend towards an increase."

"Childhood obesity is an important risk factor in non-communicable diseases,

which pose a serious threat to individual health and well-being, and a tremendous financial burden to countries' health systems. Nutrition plays a significant role. High fat intake, high salt and high sugar intake are risk factors. Others include lack of physical activity."

"Preventing childhood obesity requires a life course beginning from fetal life throughout childhood. Action

is indeed needed on many fronts; the home, the school, the workplace, the community. To prevent and control childhood obesity, global and regional mandates are encouraging countries to develop and implement intersectional policies, strategies, plans and programs. Intersectional coordination mechanisms between diet and physical activity is necessary. Two previous conference on

obesity have clearly stressed the fact that preventing childhood obesity goes beyond encouraging choices, but to crafting and implementing legislative and policy changes that address the structural determinants of obesity."

"We must consider the differences in exposure to risk and protective factors in settings where children are," continued Dr. Etienne. "Where they are born, where they live, where they play, where they learn, are ultimately transitioned through their life for healthy, or unhealthy, adults."

"I hope the states will deliberate upon and endorse a regional plan of action for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, in September of this year at the PAHO Director Council," she concluded. She expressed her desire to see it implemented on many levels, with the marketing of unhealthy beverages and foods targeting children limited by law, as well as their distribution in schools and care centers.

Over the past weekend, more than 30 speakers presented two full days and evening of workshops, lectures and round table sessions. The Westin Resort's Executive Chef, Matt Boland, contributed to events by preparing tempting, healthy meals with a strong emphasis on fresh fruits and vegetables. One of the many programs was by Kevin Boyd, an instructor in the Pediatric Dentistry residency and also a consultant to the Sleep Medicine service at Lurie Children's Hospital. He co-authored publications on nutrition, oral health and obesity co-morbidities for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He is now preparing for graduate study in Evolutionary Medicine. His topic "Feed your Kid like your Ancestors Did," linking youth ailments such as sleep apnea and ADD to nutrition.

This extensive barrage of information and studies from across the western hemisphere will be evaluated and collated into a final report by Pilar M. Torres, Director of Programs for the Pan-American Health and Education Foundation, PAHEF, and Caroline Bollars Technical Officer, Nutrition Policy, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Programme, Division of Non-communicable Diseases and Life-Course, WHO Regional Office for Europe.

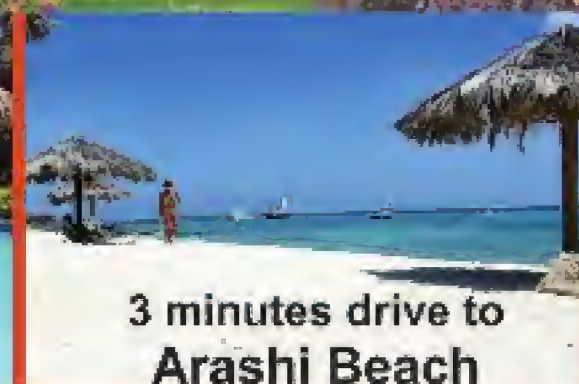
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Palestinian talks terms 'insurmountable': Netanyahu



JERUSALEM (AFP) - Palestinian preconditions for peace talks make a return to negotiations impossible for Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday.

"To me the setting of preconditions is an insurmount-

able obstacle," Netanyahu told the foreign affairs and defence committee, a parliamentary statement said.

The Palestinians say they will only return to negotiations if Israel stops building on land they want for their future state and if the Jewish state agrees to negotiate on the basis of the borders that existed before the 1967 Middle East war.

Israel demands talks "without preconditions" and refuses publicly to freeze settlement building.

US Secretary of State John Kerry has postponed an expected trip to Israel and Palestinian territories to attend White House talks on Syria, US officials told AFP

Monday.

The visit had not been formally announced but a tentative schedule from the office of Israeli President Shimon Peres had said the two men would meet on June 11.

Israel HaYom, a newspaper considered close to Netanyahu also said Kerry had been due to arrive on Tuesday.

It said he delayed to give Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas more time to decide whether to drop his insistence on a settlement freeze.

Last week, Kerry warned that if his efforts to kickstart the peace negotiations, frozen since 2010, fail now, there may never be another chance.

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Erdogan to meet Turkey protest leaders: deputy PM

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday will meet with protest leaders whose mass anti-government demonstrations, now in their 11th day, have rocked the country, his deputy said.

"Our prime minister has given an appointment to some of the groups leading these protests.... They will be briefed

on the facts and our prime minister will listen to their thoughts," deputy premier Bulent Arinc said Monday, as fresh protests raged in Istanbul, Ankara and other cities.

The protest movement sprang up after police on May 31 brutally cracked down on campaigners protesting against plans to redevelop Istanbul's Gezi Park, sparking a mass outpouring of anger against the Islamic-rooted government, seen as increasingly authoritarian.

Nearly 5,000 people have been injured in the civil unrest and three people have died, but Erdogan has responded with defiance, dismissing the demonstrators as "extremists" and "vandals".

"Illegal demonstrations will not be allowed anymore in Turkey," Arinc warned after a more than six-hour meeting between Erdogan and cabinet members.

"Everybody faces the consequences of their actions in a state of law," he added.

But Arinc said he did not know which leaders exactly Erdogan would be meeting Wednesday, or whether the talks would include the Taksim Solidarity groups behind the original Gezi Park environmental campaign.

The campaigners say government plans to press on with a project to raze the park and reconstruct military barracks on the site are in violation of a court order suspending the project.

US senators urge Obama to block Alaska mine

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Five Senate Democrats are calling on US President Barack Obama to consider blocking construction of a copper mine in Alaska, arguing it could jeopardize the pristine environment of America's biggest salmon fishery.

The concerns by lawmakers from the western states of California, Oregon and Washington could add to pressure on the Environmental Protection Agency to scupper the huge Pebble Mine project.

EPA is currently conducting a study of the impact of the project, which would disrupt several square miles of

watershed around Bristol Bay, where an estimated 40 million salmon return every year.

The senators pointed to a new study by the University of Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), which valued the commercial fishing activities in the region at \$1.5 billion in output, including \$500 million in direct income.

Pebble Mine owners Northern Dynasty and Anglo American say the project's operational investments would top \$1.2 billion per year, which would provide substantial tax revenue for the remote state, and expand US copper production by 20 percent.

Police investigate serial deaths in same US hotel room

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Police are investigating the weekend death of an 11-year-old boy in the same North Carolina hotel room where an elderly couple died two months ago, local news media reported.

Jeffrey Lee Williams of Rock Hill, South Carolina was found dead in room 225 of the Best Western Plus Blue Ridge Plaza in Boone on Saturday, while his mother Jeanie Williams, 49, was rushed to hospital in critical condition.

It was the same room in which vacationers Daryl Dean Jenkins, 73, and Shirley Mae Jenkins, 72, from Washington state, died within

hours of each other April 16, the Charlotte News and Observer reported.

"Do you know how mad I am right now?" their son Doug Jenkins, who is considering legal action against the hotel, told the newspaper. "Why are they still renting out this room?"

The office of North Carolina's chief medical examiner told AFP that autopsy reports for all three deaths are pending.

But Charlotte television station WCNC reported Monday that carbon monoxide had been found in the room, which it said is situated directly above a natural gas heater used to heat the hotel's swimming pool.

"While no evidence has been discovered that these incidents are related, investigators continue to explore all possibilities," the Boone Police Department said earlier in a press release.

'Pantsuit aficionado' Hillary Clinton enters Twitter fray



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Hillary Clinton made a light-hearted Twitter debut Monday, poking fun at her own image and fueling speculation about what the future holds for the former secretary of state.

The @HillaryClinton account was verified by Twitter within hours of coming online, and the potential future presidential candidate quickly gained more than 100,000 followers. But, like much of what she has done in recent months, Clinton's profile summary tantalizingly left open her future plans.

The brief profile with which Twitter users introduce themselves noted Clinton's former roles, as wife of former state governor and president Bill Clinton, as First Lady of

Arkansas and of the United States.

But she also had fun with her public image, dubbing herself a "hair icon, pantsuit aficionado, glass ceiling cracker" and ending with a wink at her presumed presidential ambitions: "TBD" -- to be determined.

Poll after poll shows Clinton as the top Democratic frontrunner in the 2016 presidential election should she decide to run, but she has refused to divulge her plans.

A few hours after the account went online, Clinton had posted a single tweet, expressing gratitude to Adam Smith and Stacy Lambe, the pranksters responsible for a popular satirical website "Texts from Hillary".

"Thanks for the inspiration @ASmith83 & @Sllambe - I'll take it from here," she wrote.

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New wave of Iraq attacks kills 70

BAGHDAD-(AFP) - A wave of attacks on Monday, mostly against Sunni areas of Iraq, killed 70 people in renewed bloodshed that, coupled with widespread political paralysis, has revived fears of all-out sectarian war.

The violence, which left more than 230 people wounded, came after several days of relative calm following symbolic moves by Iraq's political leaders to ease tensions among the country's communities after the UN warned violence was ready to "explode".

But no tangible moves have been agreed to address underlying disputes that have fuelled months of protests among Iraq's Sunni community and, analysts say, given militant groups fuel and room to manoeuvre.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bloodshed, but Sunni militants linked to Al-Qaeda have previously attacked security forces and fellow Sunnis, ostensibly in a bid to provoke retributive violence against Iraq's Shiite community.

Monday's deadliest violence struck the main northern city of Mosul, with a series of five car bombings mostly targeting security forces leaving at least 29 dead and 80 others wounded, officials said.

Authorities declared a curfew in the city in the aftermath of the violence.

Attacks near Saddam Hussein's birthplace of Owja, the town of Dour and in Taji -- all predominantly Sunni Arab areas -- meanwhile left a further 13 people dead.

Ten more people were killed in violence in the northern province of Kirkuk and the nearby towns of Tuz Khurmatu and Suleiman Bek.

The towns, which are mixed between Sunni Arab, Kurdish and Turkmen populations, are

seen as a tinderbox because they are part of a swathe of territory claimed by the central government and the autonomous Kurdish region.

Blasts in the mixed town of Madain and a mostly Shiite neighbourhood of Baghdad left five more dead.

Earlier on Monday, two car bombs and a suicide attack -- all of which went off near-simultaneously -- in a wholesale fruit and vegetable market in the town of Judaida al-Shat in restive Diyala province, killed 13 people.

"Al-Qaeda is behind this terrorist attack," Mohammed al-Zaidi, a vegetable vendor wounded in the bombing in the mostly-Shiite town told AFP, adding the extremist group was trying to "sow religious hatred in our region, as we live peacefully with the Sunnis."

The unrest comes amid a surge in attacks in Iraq, with violence in May pushing the month's death toll to the highest such figure since 2008, raising concerns of a revival of the all-out sectarian war that blighted the country in 2006 and 2007.

'Dutch still store US nukes': ex-PM

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands continues to store some 22 tactical US nuclear bombs at a southern air base where they were brought during the height of the Cold War, a former Dutch prime minister has revealed.

Ruud Lubbers, who headed the Dutch government between 1982-94 told National Geographic in a documentary about the Dutch Air Force how he was charged with helping to install the bombs at Volkel air force base near Eindhoven in southeastern Netherlands in 1963.

Lubbers, an ensign back then told the show "The Time Flies" he was told to disguise the bombs by marking them as "normal parts" on the base not to arouse suspicion.

Dutch media on Monday reported that the centre-right Lubbers is the highest former Dutch functionary to officially admit to the nukes' existence, but that it has been an open secret for many years.

"If you go to Volkel now, we still have 'parts' that fulfil a nu-

clear function," Lubbers told the programme, first broadcast late Saturday with re-runs on Monday.

"I'm wondering why those crazy things are still there, because I think it's absolutely senseless," Lubbers added.

Dutch financial daily NRC reported that the fifty-kiloton yield B61 bombs, a tactical nuclear weapon up to four times more powerful than those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II, were stationed around various bases in Europe in the 1960s to deter a Soviet attack.

The Netherlands saw mass demonstrations during the early 1980s against nuclear weapons including in October 1983 when some 550,000 people protested in The Hague against plans to deploy cruise missiles in the Netherlands.

Asked about the bombs, Dutch Foreign Minister Frans Timmermans told journalists at a briefing on Monday "as you know, the Dutch government does not give any information on these matters"

Red-faced US probes huge intel leak

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Reeling from the sensational revelation of its secret global Internet monitoring program, Washington prepared to take action Monday against the young private contractor who leaked the details.

Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old technology expert working for a private firm subcontracted to the US National Security Agency, has become an instant hero for transparency advocates and libertarians around the globe.

But his exposure of the NSA's worldwide monitoring of private users' web traffic and of US citizens' phone records has infuriated US intelligence officials and embarrassed President Barack Obama's White House.

Snowden is thought to be holed up in Hong Kong, which has an extradition treaty with the United States, and he is co-operating with the British-based Guardian newspaper, which revealed his identity at his own request.

"The extradition agreement with Hong Kong was signed in 1996 and entered into force in 1998. It is still in force, and we've actively used it over the years," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

Officials refused to be drawn on whether Washington plans to demand Snowden's extradition.

But Obama's spy chief, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, has described the leak as gravely damaging to US security, and referred the matter to the Justice Department, which has launched an investigation.

The White House declined to comment on the case, citing the ongoing probe.

But a spokesman confirmed that Clapper will carry out an assessment of the damage allegedly wrought by the leaks,

and confirmed that Obama had been briefed by senior staff over the weekend about the revelations.

Snowden also told the Guardian he hopes to win asylum in Iceland, but the head of Iceland's Directorate of Immigration said it had received no formal request and said Snowden would have to be on Icelandic soil to make one.

There was much speculation Monday about Hong Kong's likely stance in the event Washington asks for Snowden's extradition, and analysts divided on whether the territory's ultimate rulers in Beijing would intervene.

The case has also turned the spotlight on the United States' widespread use of outside contractors for sensitive intelligence work; Snowden is a former low-level CIA employee now employed by private outfit Booz Allen Hamilton.

Companies like Booz employ tens of thousands of technicians and analysts with top secret security clearances to work on lucrative contracts with US intelligence agencies, and some are asking if they pose a security risk.

Snowden and his many supporters, who have taken to the Internet to condemn the US government and the private web giants which cooperated with its secret surveillance, defended his actions, saying he had struck a blow for freedom.



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Health & Living

Diet change boosts survival in men with prostate cancer



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Men who ate more healthy fats from vegetables, nuts and olive oil after a diagnosis of prostate cancer saw better survival rates than peers whose diets were unchanged, a US study said Monday.

The findings in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Internal Medicine suggest that dietary improvements can be an important way to lower the death risk among men whose prostate cancer has not spread.

"Consumption of healthy oils and nuts increases plasma antioxidants and reduces insulin and inflammation, which may deter prostate cancer progression," said lead author Erin Richman, a postdoctoral scholar in the University of California San Francisco Department of Epidemiology and

Biostatistics. The study involved 4,577 men who had been diagnosed with non-metastatic prostate cancer between 1986 and 2010.

Researchers found that men who replaced 10 percent of their total daily calories from carbohydrates with healthy vegetable fats had a 29 percent lower risk of developing lethal prostate cancer.

They also had a 26 percent lower risk of dying from all causes.

The effects were seen even in small changes: adding one tablespoon of oil-based dressing per day was associated with a 29 percent lower risk of lethal prostate cancer and a 13 percent lower risk of death.

Adding one ounce of nuts per day was linked to an 18 percent lower risk of lethal prostate cancer and an 11 per-

cent lower death risk.

Healthy vegetable fats included olive and canola oils, nuts, seeds and avocados.

"The beneficial effects of unsaturated fats and harmful effects of saturated and trans fats on cardiovascular health are well known," Richman said. "Now our research has shown additional potential benefits of consuming unsaturated fats among men with prostate cancer."

About 2.5 million men are living with prostate cancer in the United States, and nearly 30,000 are expected to die from it this year.

Although one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, most do not die from it.

In the JAMA study, less than a quarter of participants - a total of 1,064 men -- died during the research period: 31 percent from cardiovascular disease, 21 percent from prostate cancer and 21 percent from other cancers.



Diabetes-related deaths hit record levels in New York

NEW YORK (AFP) - Diabetes-related deaths hit record levels in New York City, with Type 2 diabetes surging along with an epidemic of obesity, the city's health department reported Monday.

"Overall, one person dies of diabetes-related causes every 90 minutes, adding up to 16 deaths a day in New York City", the health department said.

It found that diabetes-related deaths reached a new high of 5,695 in 2011, despite a decrease in the city's overall mortality rate.

The health department said 650,000 adults reported living with Type 2 diabetes, up by 200,000 from 2002.

Diabetes "is linked to our epidemic of obesity, and like obesity, it can be prevented," said Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said.

He said 34 percent of New Yorkers are overweight and an additional 22 percent are obese, a problem that starts in the city's preschools, where one child in five is obese.

The spread of the disease varies widely between communities.

African-Americans are the hardest-hit -- 116 diabetes-related deaths per 100,000 inhabitants-- followed by Hispanics with 81 deaths per 100,000, compared to 45 per 100,000 for non-Hispanic whites, according to the statistics.

Across all races, diabetes more commonly affects the poor (114/100,000) and men (80/100,000 compared to 58/100,000 for women).

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration recently has ramped up to tackle curb obesity and diabetes, with mixed success.

A controversial measure introduced by Bloomberg last year restricting the sale of 16-ounce (470-milliliter) soft drinks in fast food restaurants and other establishments, was struck down by a judge as "arbitrary."

The mayor, who has since launched a campaign to raise awareness about the health risks associated with sugary drinks, has announced plans for an anti-obesity campaign encouraging healthy eating and exercise.

Sci-Tech

Merkel visits flooded region as Hungary waters recede



Hungary (AFP) - A handout picture of the ORFK (National Police Headquarters) shows an aerial view, as the Margareth Island and the Margheret Bridge is approached by the flood waters of the Danube in Budapest.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel praised rescue efforts

WITTENBERGE (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel praised rescue efforts on her third trip to water-logged regions Monday as central Europe grappled with historic floods that have killed at least 19 people.

Parts of north Germany remain threatened by the swollen River Elbe where a dyke was breached overnight in Saxony-Anhalt state, adding hundreds more to the many thousands of residents already evacuated in the country.

Ironically under sunny skies, Merkel said the full extent of the damage had to be established as she spoke to volunteers racing to fill sandbags, calling the work of teams who have mobilised "impressive".

"One can be rather proud of our country when one sees how the people are pulling together in such a difficult hour," Merkel commented, after last week also visiting four other flood-hit states.

The torrent of flood waters in Germany has turned vast areas into a sea of brown water and sparked a mass mobilisation of emergency workers, as well as what Merkel's spokesman said was the biggest ever army deployment in the country.

The bursting of a dyke in Fischbeck, where a torrent of the Elbe forced a 50-metre long crack, showed the situation was still especially tense in places, with 2,500 people evacuated according to a local emergency task force.

The impact from the flooding on a railway bridge led to disruptions Monday in high-speed services between Berlin and the cities of Hanover and Frankfurt, Germany's Deutsche Bahn rail service said.

In Magdeburg where more than 23,000 people had been told to leave their homes, the historically high levels of the Elbe from Sunday were falling faster than expected but authorities remained prudent.

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Water levels dropped to 7.12 metres early Monday after reaching a historic high of 7.46 metres on Sunday -- nearly four times its normal level and exceeding that of previous record floods of 2002.

Towns including Lauenburg and the village of Hitzacker in Lower Saxony were preparing for the peak to hit in coming days.

After fearing the worst, Hungary breathed a sigh of relief Monday as flood defences held firm, averting the worst of the floods, and the mighty River Danube began to recede after reaching a historic high.

After the Danube in Budapest reached a historic peak of 8.91 metres (29 feet) on Sunday evening, the water level began to fall early Monday.

The deluge has also sparked massive emergency responses in Austria, where the death toll has now reached five, and Slovakia. Across central Europe, the floods have killed at least 19 people, including 10 in the Czech Republic.

The rains have also severely swelled the Danube in southern Germany, especially the city of Passau, which has moved from alert to clean-up mode.

Adding to tensions was a threat to attack dykes from a group calling itself the "Germanophobic Flood Brigade". Aerial and ground surveillance had been stepped up, said Saxony-Anhalt state interior minister Holger Stahlknecht.



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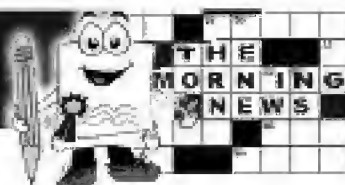
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16. "Star Wars" creature
17. Johnnycake
18. Small valley
20. Sawyer and
22. Proprietor
24. Baby foxes
25. Guitarist Atkins
26. "Again!"
29. Tater ___
30. Filly's sound
32. New York time (abbr.)
34. Affirm
36. Dueler's memento
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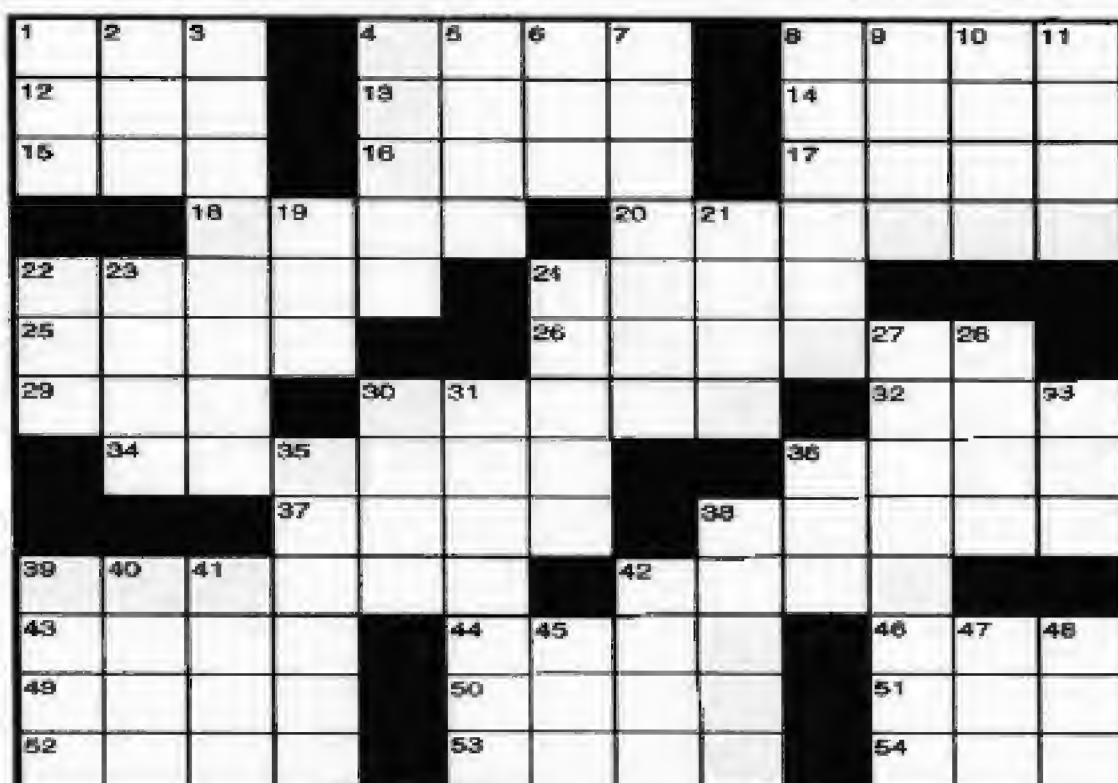
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6. British partnership abbr.
7. Inserting a cartridge
8. City on the Rio Grande (2 wds.)
9. Hired hoodlum
10. Lost forever
11. Dollars
19. Allow
21. Poison ivy symptom
22. Tenth month (abbr.)
23. "Halt, Trigger!"
24. Rolling Stone Richards
27. Took back a statement
28. Cheese from Holland
30. Broadway light
31. Deterioration
33. Angle starter
35. Meager
36. ___ Galahad
38. Halloween accessories
39. Dancer Verdon
40. Bank (on)
41. Acorn trees
42. One-man ___
45. River, to Juan
47. Bread variety
48. "Right on!"

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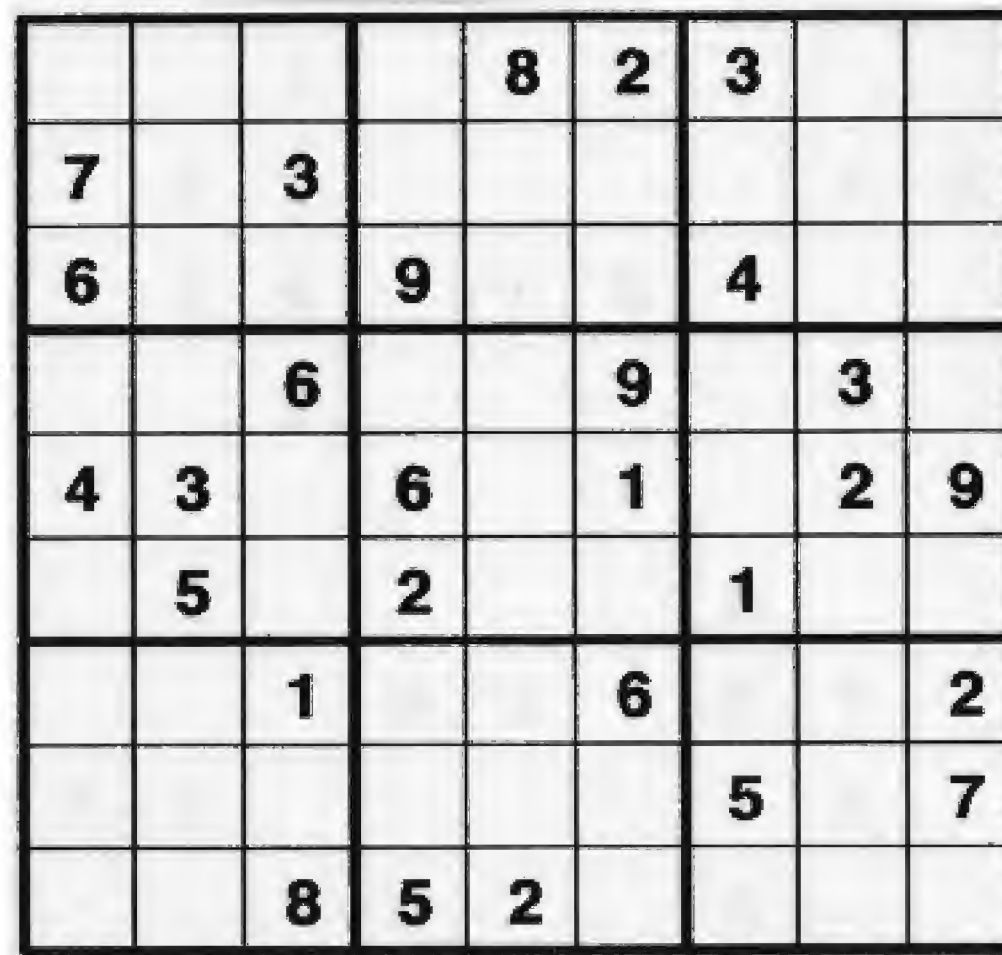
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FINANCE

Shale resources add 47% to global gas reserves: US EIA

NEW YORK (AFP) - Shale-based resources increase the world's total potential oil reserves by 11 percent and natural gas by 47 percent, according to a US report released Monday.

In an initial assessment of shale oil resources and an update of shale gas reserves, the US Energy Information Agency said shale deposits could add 345 billion barrels of oil to global reserves, increasing the total to 3,357 billion barrels.

Shale gas adds 7,299 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, or 32 percent of the world total, the EIA report estimated.

The report seeks to quantify the potential global significance of the shale boom, after the exploitation of North American shale deposits transformed the US oil and gas industry.

It said an improvement in geologic data has allowed a better view of global resources. In addition to the United States, other countries with large shale resources include Russia, China, Argentina, Algeria and Libya.

However, the EIA cautioned that the estimates are "highly uncertain and will remain so

until they are extensively tested with production wells."

The report also does not assess the economic viability of developing the resources. The cost of some wells internationally could be higher than in the US, potentially marking the "difference between a resource that is a market game changer and one that is economically irrelevant at current market prices."

So far, only the US and Canada produce shale energy in commercial quantities.

China is estimated to have the world's greatest recoverable shale resources and the third-largest shale oil resources.

Israel will help boost Colombian economy: Peres

JERUSALEM (AFP) - President Shimon Peres on Monday vowed Israel would help develop Colombia's economy, as he welcomed his Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos who is on an official visit to the region.

Santos met Israeli President Shimon Peres at his official Jerusalem residence, where officials from the two governments also signed agreements on aviation and technological innovation.

A statement from Peres's office said the free trade deal covered services and investment as well as goods.

Santos told Peres Colombia was facing serious challenges with respect to terror and war, the statement read, adding he was in Israel "on behalf of the 47 million citizens of Colombia who wished to express

S&P affirms US AA+ rating, outlook raised to stable

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Standard & Poor's affirmed its credit rating for the United States at AA+ on Monday but raised the outlook from negative to stable, citing firm economic growth and a stable fiscal situation.

S&P also said the renewed political fight over the country's debt ceiling and long-term deficit was not likely to repeat the showdown of mid-2011 that threatened to force Washington into default and led to the shock downgrade from a top-flight AAA rating.

The agency said it expects the US economy to grow at the same pace or better than its peers and was underpinned by the US dollar's status as the leading world reserve currency.

In addition, it said, stronger-than-expected private sector growth as well as improved

government finances due to large payments from mortgage financiers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have lowered forecasts for US deficits.

With the improved picture, S&P said, the federal deficit will fall to about six percent of gross domestic product this year and to less than four percent in 2015.

At the same time, it forecast government debt as a share of

GDP holding stable for the next few years at 84 percent, which "would allow policymakers some additional time to take steps to address pent-up age-related spending pressures."

S&P downgraded the US from AAA in August 2011 as Democrats fought to a standstill over increasing the borrowing ceiling, necessary to finance the ongoing fiscal deficit.



CHICAGO (AFP) - Three years after the worst oil spill in US history, BP said Monday it has wrapped up "active" cleanup operations in three US states but continues to patrol a stretch of Louisiana. The British energy giant has spent \$14 billion and 70 million personnel hours scouring the Gulf Coast after an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig unleashed millions of barrels into the sea. It took 87 days to cap BP's runaway well that killed 11 workers, blackened beaches in five states and crippled the region's tourism and fishing industries in a tragedy that riveted the nation.

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decor is the perfect complement to the huge saltwater fish tanks that dominate the dining rooms, where every sort of colorful local fish, along with Hawksbill turtles, moray eels and even a shark provide a constant show.

This riveting display was the vision of the founder and chef, Joseph Munzenhoffer, and his son, Vasty, maintains the singular underwater ambience with the same devotion.

Aside from a visit to the restaurant being fun for the whole family, it will also be light on the pocketbook, with a diverse and delicious selec-



Buccaneer in Koyari

tion of fresh caught specials of the day, prepared any of several ways. Have them whole or filleted, with several sauces and styles of preparation to choose from, or tell the chef your special needs, and they will happily customize the cooking to your taste or dietary requirements.

Though Buccaneer is famous for its fish and seafood dishes, one of their regular patrons, who declares it is "my favorite restaurant on Aruba," informed us he always orders the steak or rack of lamb. A large family will find the vast selection of dishes will satisfy landlubbers and fish fanatics alike.

The restaurant also offers and early bird special daily from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. They offer a three-course meal with a choice of elegant appetizers, a fish, beef or chicken main course, and dessert, for only \$25. It is possible to peruse their full menu at their website: <http://www.buccaneer-aruba.com> Closed on Sundays.

Regular visitors to Aruba may have noticed it is a place where restaurants open and close with a similar frequency to New York City, but Buccaneer has gone the distance, as popular with both visitors and residents as ever, it certainly must be for a good reason!



Rack of Lamb for Landlubbers

Young, urban women: the face of Turkey's protest movement

ISTANBUL (AFP) - They are young, urban and well-educated, and for the past week they have been sleeping in an Istanbul park: meet the women on the frontline of Turkey's mass anti-government protests.

"We are the women Erdogan would like to see staying at home," said actress Sevil Algan, 37, referring to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan who protesters say is forcing his conservative, Islamic values on the mainly Muslim but staunchly secular nation.

Many of the women happily admit they are accidental activists who never would have guessed two weeks ago that they would be pitching a tent in the epicentre of nationwide civil unrest.

But now these young Turks, many of them students, lawyers, teachers and office workers, easily account for half of the thousands of demonstrators in Gezi Park and nearby Taksim Square -- and they have taken to their new routine with gusto.



They spend hours under the park's sycamore trees debating their cause, take part in all-night singing and dancing sessions and, when necessary, stand shoulder to shoulder with football fans on guard against police action outside the park's police-free zone.

The protest began after a small campaign to save the park's 600 trees from being razed sparked a police crackdown with tear gas and water cannon on May 31, quickly spiralling into widespread

anger against the government. The unrest has injured over 4,000 people and killed three across the country.

Many of the female protesters, large groups of whom describe themselves as liberal and secular, say the time has come to stand up for their rights in the face of creeping infringements on their freedoms by Erdogan's Islamic-rooted Justice and Development Party (AKP).

Erdogan has won three successive elections, gaining al-

most 50 percent of the vote in 2011 after presiding over steady economic growth. But critics accuse him of increasing authoritarianism and of polarising the country.

"Women are on the frontline because they are the first victims of Erdogan's projects," said Sevil.

Her list of grievances include the combative premier's proposals to limit abortion rights, tighten the rules for the morning-after pill and ban the late-night sale of alcohol.

Erdogan, a practising Muslim whose wife and daughters wear the Islamic headscarf, has also sparked outrage for declaring that every woman in Turkey should have three children.

"Would he like more children like us?" quipped Ozlem Altik, an unemployed former flight attendant, as she chatted with friends in Gezi Park.

Theatre performer Sevil said supporters of the ruling AKP consider the demonstrators

"bad Muslims", but she insists they are not against Islam and fondly recalls her grandmother reading verses from the Koran to her before bedtime as a child.

"We like to drink, debate, but Erdogan and his people do not have a monopoly on Islam," she said. "Look at the solidarity on Taksim Square. That's what it means to be Muslim."

In the park, where free food, yoga lessons and concerts are on offer, clusters of feminists and gay rights activists are camped out next to veil-wearing anti-capitalist Muslims, the site's festive atmosphere and a sense of camaraderie easily outweighing any ideological differences.

While women in Turkey are under-represented in politics, they figure prominently in universities and in companies, in large part thanks to emancipation reforms introduced by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey, after the Turkish republic was founded in 1923.

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nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice



Gouda burger 2

beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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Football: US faces unbeaten Panama in tight WC2014 fight

SEATTLE (AFP) - North America's 2014 Brazil World Cup qualifying hexagonal round robin moves beyond the halfway mark Tuesday with only one point separating four of the six teams ahead of three key matches.

Pace-setter Costa Rica visits unbeaten Mexico while the United States will entertain undefeated Panama and winless Jamaica travels to Honduras with each of them needing a victory to boost their sagging hopes of reaching Brazil.

The Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) sends the top three teams to Brazil. The fourth-placed team will face New Zealand to decide another spot in the global football showcase.

The Costa Ricans top the table at 2-1-1 for seven points and a plus-two goal difference while the US squad has the same record and points but only a plus-one goal difference.

Mexico also stands on seven points but El Tricolores have played an extra match, winning 1-0 last Tuesday at Jamaica in

a match moved forward two weeks to ease the Mexican's schedule ahead of the FIFA Confederations Cup in Brazil.

That gives Mexico a win and four draws for seven points, trailing the rival American side on most goals 4-3 but with the US squad having a match in hand.

Panama, something of a surprise with a win and three draws, is next on six points with US coach Jurgen Klinsmann wary of a side that has drawn Mexico and Costa Rica.

That has been an emphasis for Klinsmann, who has stressed competition for every position and pushed players to leave behind their comfort zones.

It worked at Jamaica, when the Reggae Boyz equalized late only to have unlikely hero Brad Evans find the back of the net in stoppage time for the winning goal in a 2-1 triumph that delivered a huge boost to American hopes.

"It's important that this team gets the mentality to bounce back and to challenge themselves to win and not look for a tie," Klinsmann said.

Honduras, at 1-2-1 for four points, and Jamaica on 0-3-2 for two need all the points possible to mount a threat. The Hondurans have already beaten the US team and drawn with Mexico in home matches, leaving tough road trips to come.

On June 18, Honduras will visit the United States and Panama travels to Costa Rica in a rematch of a 2-2 draw earlier in qualifying. After that, there are no qualifying matches until September.

Football: Sex-for-fixing referees jailed in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Three Lebanese football referees pleaded guilty Monday to accepting free sex from a gambling-linked global syndicate in return for rigging a match in Singapore, with two jailed and sentencing deferred for the third.

A district court judge jailed assistant referees Ali Eid, 33, and Abdallah Taleb, 37, for three months, but deferred sentencing till today for referee Ali Sabbagh, whom state prosecutors said was the most culpable.

The assistant referees broke down into sobs and repeatedly looked up as if to thank God after Judge Low Wee Ping said they could be freed by later Monday or Tuesday, after remission for good behaviour and due to time already served awaiting sentence.

Turning to Ali Sabbagh, 34, the judge said: "I need time to consider your sentence. I don't, for the moment, accept that you should be sentenced to six months."

Deputy public prosecutor Asoka Markandu described Ali Sabbagh as "the most culpable" among the three as he was the one approached by the syndicate and the one who persuaded the two linesmen to accept the sexual bribe.

The three men were arrested for accepting sexual favours in exchange for agreeing to fix an Asian Football Confederation Cup match on April 3 between Singapore-based club Tampines Rovers and India's East Bengal.

They were abruptly pulled out before the match began. The three were denied bail and have been detained at Singapore's Changi prison since April 4.

Tennis: Dutch player banned, fined for illegal betting



PARIS (AFP) - Dutch tennis player Yannick Ebbinghaus has been suspended for six months and fined for betting illegally on matches, an anti-corruption body announced Monday.

The Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) said the 23-year-old admitted breaching article D.1.a of anti-corruption rules 67 times between May 2012 and February 2013.

The article outlaws any direct or indirect attempted or actual wager on the outcome of any aspect of tennis by players.

Three months of the ban will be suspended provided Ebbinghaus does not repeat the offence and attends "anti-corruption education training", the TIU said in an emailed statement from London.

It added: "\$5,000 of the

\$10,000 fine will be considered paid in full if the player cooperates with the Tennis Integrity Unit in educating others about the prohibition against betting."

Last week, the TIU, which is run by the sport's Grand Slam Committee, the International Tennis Federation, ATP and WTA tours, said it had banned Russian player Sergei Kriukov for life for match-fixing.

The 34-year-old world number 749 was also fined \$60,000 and was the third man in the last two years to be barred from tennis for life.

Ebbinghaus' highest ranking was 1,123 in February this year and currently stands at 1,158. He has picked up only \$5,682 in prize money in his entire singles and doubles career, according to the atpworldtour.com website.



PICHILEMU (AFP) : Brazilian Joao de Macedo surfs a wave during Chile's Big Waves competition at Punta Lobos beach in Pichilemu, about 300 km south of Santiago. This Circuit is one of the most extreme events that have been held in Chile, and its organizers expect waves with great force and more than 8 metres high.

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Boxing: Stevenson stuns Dawson with one-punch TKO



MONTREAL (AFP) - Adonis Stevenson stopped Chad Dawson with a single, swinging left-handed punch at 1:16 of the first round on Saturday to capture Dawson's World Boxing Council light heavyweight world title.

Stevenson, a Haitian-born Canadian who at 35 has fought just 22 professional fights, underscored his reputation as a

knockout artist as he improved to 21-1 with 19 wins inside the distance.

Dawson, who was trying to bounce back from a 10th-round loss to Andre Ward in a fight in which Dawson stepped down to super middleweight, instead suffered an even more embarrassing defeat, falling to 31-3.

Dawson was leaning in and winding up to throw a right when southpaw Stevenson nailed him on the side of the head. When he rose, his eyes were glazed and his legs wobbly, and the referee called it off for the technical knockout.



LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Mexico's Juan Carlos "Zurdito" Sanchez lost his International Boxing Federation super flyweight title on the scale, but he didn't let Argentina's Roberto Domingo Sosa win it in the ring on Saturday. Sanchez earned a 12-round unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Sosa, using his height and reach advantage to keep Sosa largely at bay while landing his own punishing shots. Sanchez punctuated his victory with a knockdown in the 12th and was given the win by a margin of 117-110 from two ringside judges with the third scoring it 116-111. Sanchez improved to 16-1-1 with eight knockouts, but he won't leave Las Vegas with the IBF belt he brought with him. He was stripped of that title Saturday morning, a day after he failed to make weight for the fight. Sanchez spent two hours trying to lose one pound, but even on a third visit to the scale he was two ounces over the 115-pound super flyweight limit. The IBF declared the title vacant, and had Sosa won he would have claimed it. Instead he suffered his first defeat, falling to 24-1. (photo: el Zurdito knocking Domingo Sosa down)



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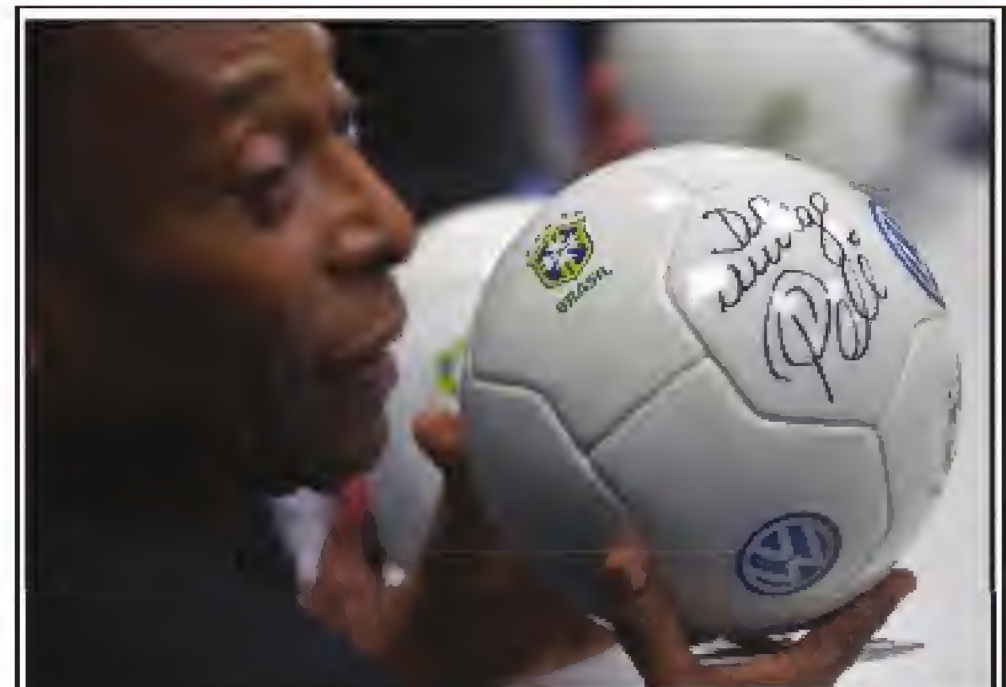
Game 4: Jun 13 - 9 pm EDT @SAS

Game 5: Jun 16 - 8 pm EDT @SAS

Game 6: Jun 18 - 9 - pm EDT @MIA

Game 7: Jun 20 - 9 pm EDT @MIA

(Series best-of-seven)



SAO BERNARDO do CAMPO: (AFP) - Brazilian football legend Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known as Pele, holds a ball with his signature during a press conference at Volkswagen plant in Sao Bernardo do Campo, in the metropolitan area of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on June 10, 2013.

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NBA: Role players spark Heat's offence

MIAMI (AFP) - With superstar LeBron James struggling to find his scoring touch, the Miami Heat called upon their bench to pick up the slack on offence.

And they delivered brilliantly, especially veteran Ray Allen who led the charge with 13 points as the Heat reserves outscored San Antonio's bench 40-32 in game two of the NBA finals on Sunday.

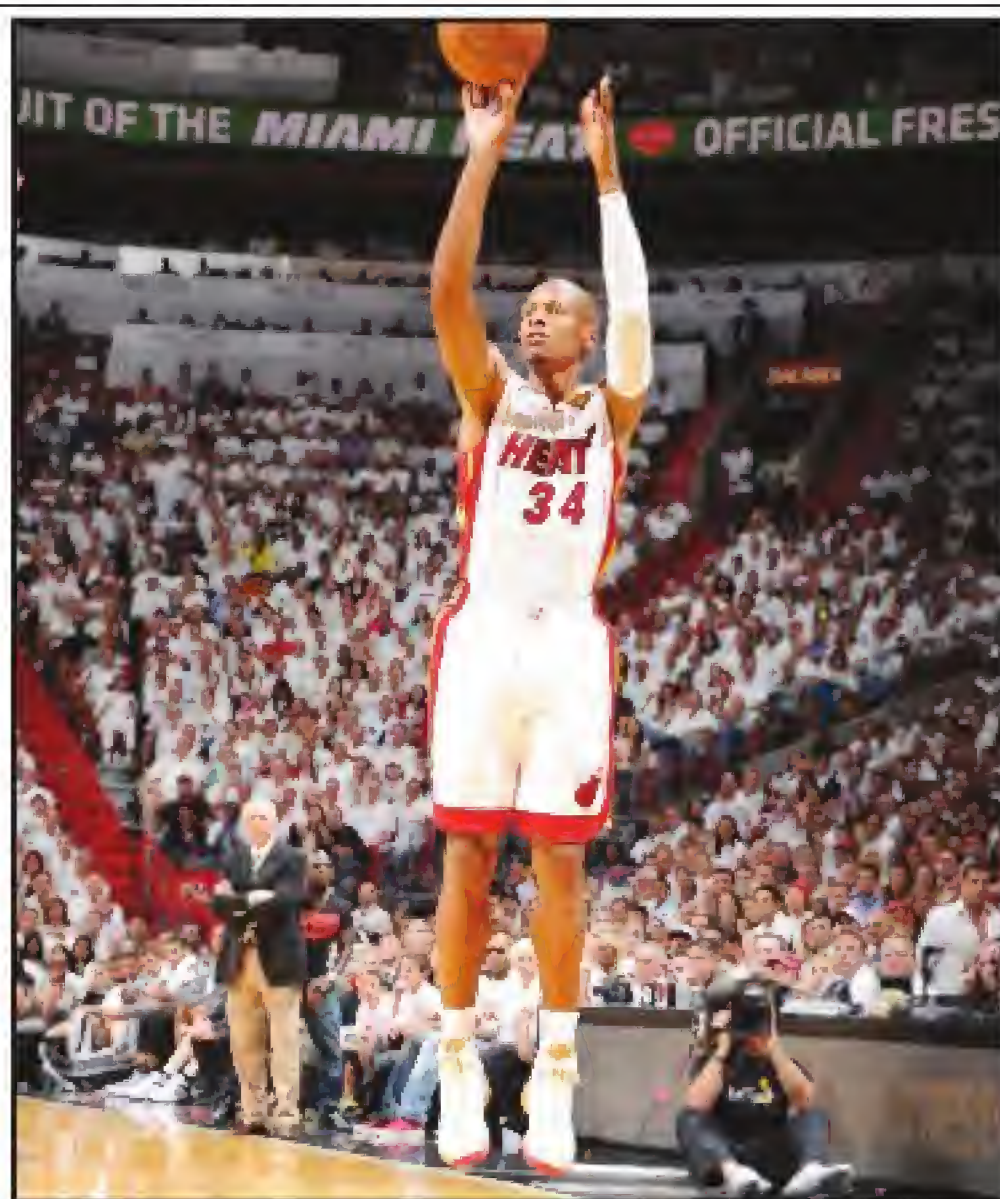
"LeBron couldn't get into a rhythm early and other guys stepped up," said Miami coach Erik Spoelstra of the Heat's 103-84 win which levelled the series at 1-1.

"He showed great poise and trust in not getting caught up in feeling like he had to make a score but rather either facilitate or let other guys make plays. And that is what they did.

"Mario (Chalmers) was able to make some plays. Ray and Mike (Miller) both found open gaps for shooting. Dwyane (Wade) and CB (Chris Bosh) were able to make plays in the first half."

It marks the 17th time in 18 games in the playoffs Miami's bench has outscored the opposition.

The Heat finished with five players in double figures, including James with 17 and Chalmers who had a game-high 19 points.



Ray Allen #34 of the Miami Heat shoots a three pointer against the San Antonio Spurs

Failing to fire on offence, James was still a defensive force.

He made one monster block on Tiago Splitter in the fourth quarter that denied the Spurs' giant centre what appeared to be an easy dunk.

James said he didn't want to get burned by Splitter and end up on the television

sports shows highlights.

"Offensively it was a struggle for me. I couldn't make a shot, I missed lay-ups," he said. "I was able to protect the rim on that one. I told myself you'll end up on Sports Center where you are getting dunked on, or you are going to make the block.

Formula One: Vettel's win deceptive: Ferrari chief



MONTREAL (AFP) - Ferrari team chief Stefano Domenicali believes Sebastian Vettel was flattered by the manner of his win in Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix.

The defending triple world champion claimed his 29th career win by driving his Red Bull car from pole position to the chequered flag in an unchallenged demonstration of dominance.

Victory gives him a 36 point lead over Alonso after seven races.

But Domenicali said he believed it would have been a completely different picture if two-time world champion Spaniard Fernando Alonso had started from the front row instead of sixth place on the grid.

"I believe if Fernando had

been on the first row like Sebastian then it would have been a different story," he said.

Domenicali added that Ferrari's chief and most costly weakness in performance was in single lap - or qualifying - pace.

He conceded again in Canada that it was the area on which the scarlet scuderia now needed to focus if they were to close the gap on the championship leading 25-year-old German ace.

"We have seen the performance during the race is very, very good, and here Sebastian did an incredible race - being in first place and dictating his pace with no problem.

"So to be second in the race was really the maximum that we could have done."